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Attorney Docket No. 01638.0014.NPUS01

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Title System and Method for Aseptic Filling Packages with Liquid Products

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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application
Appl. No.: To be Assigned
Filed: **March 20, 2003**
For: **System and Method for Aseptic Filling of Packages with Liquid Products**
Inventors: George PLESTER
Attorney Docket No.: 01638.0014.NPUS01

Sir:

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/447,746 entitled "System and Method for Aseptic Filling of Packages with Liquid Products " filed February 19, 2003.

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

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2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

System and Method for Aseptic Filling of Packages wit Liquid Products

and naming an inventor:

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the application consisting of:

- a. A specification containing:
 - (i) 20 pages of description prior to the claims;

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- (ii) 5 pages of claims
- (iii) 1 page abstract;

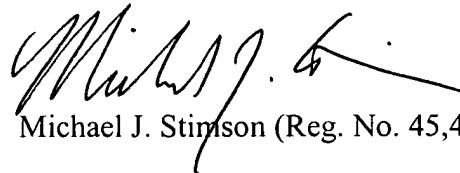
b. 5 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-7); and

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